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Majority prices for next week were mostly trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was light to moderate, instances good, which is typical entering the weekend. Food service was fair to good. Supplies were at least adequate, longer for heavier weights. In the parts structure, breast items were more balanced to short and clearing well. Wings were adequate to fully sufficient and often discounted to help move. Dark meat was more than sufficient with leg quarters receiving some renewed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 08/07-08/11/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	43.00-48.00	35.00-62.50	46.50	25
Los Angeles	65.00			
New York	43.00-46.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi 59.00-60.50 42.00-64.00 60.13 82

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 60.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRERELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT		
LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
594	57.00-62.25	59.85
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	147.50	4,220
BREASTS - WHOLE	66.50	1,195
THIGH MEAT - B/S	75.00	735
LEG QUARTERS	23.50	8,075
WINGS	56.50	2,751

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was light to moderate, best for retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were in the strongest position with supplies well cleared to balanced. Interest for leg quarters was fair, but better for export. The remaining items were adequate to fully sufficient with light demand. In production areas, live supplies moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices unchanged from last week's levels. Trading for next week's deliveries at generally unchanged prices. Offerings easily adequate for the fair buying interest. Retail demand was fair to fairly good for whole body and moderate for parts, best to cover features planned or in progress. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Reported trading on parts for next week's deliveries into California: yellow leg quarters bulk mainly 28-28.5, white leg quarters bulk 22-25 and 4/10s mainly 26, bone-in breasts 66-74 and boneless breasts 140-150. Ads noted: Northern California - thighs 109, drumsticks 99, whole legs 79 and boneless breasts 299; Southern California - whole body 59-99, leg quarters 28-39, whole legs 99, wings 99-119, thighs 59-99, drumsticks 59-99, bone-in breasts 129-179, boneless breasts 179-198, boneless leg meat 89-99, boneless thigh meat 119-169 and cornish

hens 98.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's trading into Chicago were unchanged from last Monday's final majority. Trade sentiment on whole fryers mostly steady with a cautious undertone. Additional product offerings more than sufficient on heavy weight Wogs, adequate on the balance for the cautious and selective buyer needs. Movement into retail channels light to fair at best, except in Chicago where demand was fair to good. Food service demand was light to moderate, instances good in Chicago. Floor stocks in a full range, sizes desirable and trending heavier. Parts trading was good on tenderloins, light to moderate on all other items. Supplies of tenderloins, gizzards and livers remained short of trade needs, balance of parts was adequate or available. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on breast items, barely steady to weak on wings and steady on the balance of items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was improved entering the weekend, but was mostly moderate. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate for current trade requirements. Movement into retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts market, breast items were generally balanced with current call, wings and drums fully adequate, and the balance of items were at least sufficient.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as improved entering the weekend and was mostly moderate. Offerings were adequate and were usually reported as in the better balance on the 3 pound and smaller sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were noted as at more desirable levels. Processing schedules were heavy when combined with operations planned for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 46 to 63 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Breast items were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Leg cuts were ample, clearances slow to moderate. Wings were ample and slow to clear.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	41-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.22
NO. OF BOXES	9,946
CUMULATIVE	50.08
	07/31/00-08/04/00
	08/02/99-08/06/99
NO. OF BOXES	46,992
	07/31/00-08/04/00
	08/02/99-08/06/99
	35,866

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

AUGUST 03, 2000

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 04, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	785	135.00-180.00	148-155	152.49	531	135.00-180.00	145-150	147.51	2,866	148.60
TENDERLOINS	51	190.00-225.00	-	204.25	61	192.00-225.00	-	203.22	704	188.19
BREAST - LINE RUN	196	66.00-68.00	-	66.82	164	64.00-68.00	67-68	65.61	669	64.83
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				75	57.00-63.00	-	60.20	368	60.07
LEGS	86	27.00-40.00	28-29	27.91	86	27.00-40.00	28-29	27.91	350	28.11
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	678	18.00-21.00	19-20	19.52	556	17.00-21.00	19-20	19.06	2,838	19.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,238	21.00-24.00	22-23	22.32	878	21.00-24.00	22-23	22.45	5,732	22.34
WINGS (WHOLE)	103	55.00-59.00	56-58	57.02	103	55.00-59.00	56-58	57.02	765	57.37
WINGS (CUT)	529	64.00-88.00	67-69	69.15	239	67.00-88.00	67-69	70.42	2,069	68.05
DRUMSTICKS	45	25.00-40.00	-	26.67	45	24.00-40.00	-	25.78	157	28.28
THIGHS	45	24.00-40.00	-	25.78	28	22.00-40.00	-	25.27	131	25.33
B/S THIGHS	28	59.00-63.00	-	59.57	TOO FEW TO REPORT				170	59.30

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR AUG 03, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE****AVERAGE**

38.00 - 41.50

39.76

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR AUG 04, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**5-DAY****RANGE****AVERAGE****AVERAGE**

37.00 - 42.00

39.63

39.47

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity improved little and was generally light to fair overall as most dealers felt current floor stocks sufficient to cover weekend needs. Breast items were generally steady and were usually adequate to balanced for current inquiry, in addition, active interest noted earlier in the week on boneless-skinless breasts had tapered. Wings were generally available, and leg quarters were in better shape with renewed interest noted. Movement through retail and distributive channels continued fair to moderate. The market tone was steady.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS,
DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

AUGUST 04, 2000

AUGUST 03, 2000

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*				TRADING*				WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150		147.95	524,440	145-150	148.58	628,190	145.50	2,773,740	
TENDERLOINS	175-180		189.09	124,360	180	191.45	179,000	187.03	723,160	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	59-60		65.38	333,400	59-60	64.76	346,040	64.59	1,587,880	
BREAST - LINE RUN	59		62.25	185,440		5962.78	145,600	62.00	624,400	
LEGS	33-34		35.53	231,680	33-34	32.72	284,560	34.22	1,343,720	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21		22.35	531,728	20-21	21.43	728,088	21.71	3,093,155	
DRUMSTICKS	33-34		33.67	176,890	33-34	33.26	154,290	33.18	796,070	
THIGHS	21-22		25.99	232,210	21-22	23.32	117,800	28.11	879,150	
B/S THIGHS	69-70		75.02	55,920	69-70	71.67	80,290	73.82	329,730	
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58		64.24	356,840	56-57	63.89	349,820	65.16	1,742,260	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.15	89,064	10-12	12.01	86,760	12.05	430,364	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		33.60	54,280	30-35	34.37	68,520	33.89	279,285	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45		43.97	84,330	40-45	44.10	114,040	44.17	471,770	

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	08/04	08/03	08/02	08/01		08/01	07/28	
ALA	3,892	3,927	3,695	3,838	5.00	5.04	3,962	4.99
ARK	5,101	5,245	5,222	5,242	4.86	4.86	5,947	4.84
DELMARVA	2,734	2,407	2,378	2,365	5.00	5.13	2,359	5.12
KY-LA-TN	2,053	2,076	2,115	2,057	4.43	4.40	2,056	4.36
MISS	3,315	2,827	2,857	2,860	5.05	5.08	3,097	4.97
NC	2,765	2,700	2,610	2,651	5.72	6.01	3,078	5.86
TEXAS	2,339	2,342	2,333	2,319	4.65	4.65	2,315	4.64
TOTAL	22,199	21,524	21,210	21,332	4.97	5.01	22,814	4.98
MON-FRI	107,666(A)						106,675(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Aug & 05-Aug-00 is estimated to be 33,212,000 up 6.54 percent from a week ago and up 2.3 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 32,455,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 05-Aug-00 is estimated to be 156,160,000 head down 1.9 percent from a week ago, and up 2.4 percent from a year ago (Last week 159,218,000 Last year 152,521,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	79-83
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	68
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 102-104
	ICE PACK 92-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 106-111
	DRY PACK 112-119
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 98
	ICE PACK 94
DUCKS	148-160

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending July 22, 2000 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down (B) Retail
4.21-5.25 Lbs (C) Deboning
5.26 Lbs & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	36,243	40,397	38,703
Avg Weight	3.78	4.84	6.04
% of total /1	31%	35%	34%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	30,713	37,156	34,847
Avg Weight	3.73	4.79	5.96
% of total /1	30%	36%	34%
Same week, yr ago /2	40,140	34,877	38,875
Avg Weight	3.87	4.76	6.04
% of total /1	35%	31%	34%
To date/2000	962,483	945,473	1,187,667
To date/1999	947,813	833,568	1,254,037

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 29-Jul-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	159,218 (A)	1,799	1,723	3,522	448
AVG WT	5.00	3.34	7.85	5.55	6.43
LAST WEEK	158,155	1,959	1,609	3,568	400
YR AGO	155,473	2,097	1,270	3,367	417
AVG WT	4.93	3.41	7.95	5.12	6.62
TO-DATE/2000	4,638,242	58,783	42,358	101,141	13,450
TO-DATE/1999	4,545,195	64,943	40,666	105,609	13,277

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161.2 million head or 3.6 million head more than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: AUG 01, 2000

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.00 - 1.30	Pigeons	1.75 - 2.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.00 - 1.24	White Pigeons	2.00 - 2.50ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.40 - .54	Rabbits 4-6	.60 - 1.22
Red Fowl 5-6	.50 - .72	Rabbits 7-11	.60 - 1.10
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.50 - .82	Bunnies	1.00 - 4.50ea.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.50 - 1.24	Guinea Pigs	.35 - 4.50ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.40 - 1.10	Goats	40.00 - 54.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.00 - 1.20	Kid Goats	30.00 - 48.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 7.00ea.	Doves	2.50 - 4.50ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 4.00ea.	Pullets	.50 - 1.10
Leghorn Hens	.14 - .24		
Silkie	3.25 - 4.25ea.	Total Coops Sold	748

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 31-JUL-2000

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	54-55
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	63-83
	63-66

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair to instances fairly good. Slaughter schedules were full-time. Sizes were desirable to at times heavy. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.20, boneless legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.45-1.70, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, and leg quarters at \$1.15-1.28, livers at \$1.25-1.50.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 31-JUL-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JUNE	24 161.6	158.8	102	5.03
JULY	1 167.0	158.7	105	5.01
	8 137.3	157.7	87	4.98
	15 163.5	157.4	104	4.98
	22 160.1	158.1	101	4.92
	29 161.2	157.6	102	5.00
YEAR TO DATE	4694.8	4621.8	102	
AUGUST	5 157.9			
	12 158.6			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	08/05/00	07/29/00	% CHG	08/07/99	% CHG
Broilers	156,160	159,218*	-02	157,521*	+02
Cattle	701	693	+01	677*	+04
Hogs	1,758	1,767	-01	1,837*	-04

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were irregular but about unchanged on light canners, but slightly lower on heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Supplies of canners were adequate but not as available as the previous week. Demand was light and unaggressive. The undertone was unsettled but still cautious and barely steady. USDA-AMS announced that the purchase program under Announcement PY-225, as amended, for canned boned poultry in 29-ounce cans for domestic food nutrition assistance programs has re-opened.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

25- MAJORITY

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

24.5-25.25 MAJORITY

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

25-26.75 MAJORITY

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

26-28.5 MAJORITY 27-28.5

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged.

Supplies continued to be adequate for processors needs. However, offerings have declined and are not as burdensome as earlier weeks. Processing schedules for next week are about normal. Finished product was fully adequate for trade requirements. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report.

Demand was light for in balance to mostly adequate offerings of light fowl. Finished sales were currently slow and hopefully awaiting seasonal increases in interest. Schedules were at or near capacity. Trade sentiment weak.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged to lower.

Offerings were ample for current production requirements and many spent hens were finding their way into rendering facilities at this call. Demand was mostly moderate. Trade sentiment weak.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0-.25 (2)	0
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices.

Demand was light for adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules for next week are about normal to heavy. The market tone continues to be barely steady to weak.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report.

Demand was light for fully adequate to ample supplies of spent hens. Finished sales slow with current schedules easily covering needs. Trade sentiment was weak.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked desired schedules.

Offerings ample.

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